और मध्यवर्तियों पर शुल्कों में हाल में कमी करके और कुछ औषधों/सूत्र योगों का सरकारी विनियमय दर पर आयात करने की अनुमती देने के निर्णय के बाद काफी हद तक दूर करदी गई है।

Shortage of Vitamin 'C'

@@2256. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Vitamin C in the country;

(b) whether the position is likely to aggravate in the wage of Government's decision to hike the prices of Vitamin C and its salts; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to ensure adequate availability of Vitamin C?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c) There was some shortage of Vitamin 'C' in the recent post due to shortfall in production of one of the two manufacturers. There were problems in regard to pricing which have since been tackled and the situation should normalise soon.

(b) No, Sir.

Tie-ups signed by Haldia Petrochemicals

@@@2257. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Haldia Petro-Chemicals has signed three forcign tie-ups during the last two months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how far the same are likely to reduce dependence on imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No agreement has been signed as yet.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reference of IDPL Management views for legal advise

2258. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 3747 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether unauthorised absence from duty is actionable also, under rule 25 *ibid* read with rule 5(7) thereof;

(b) the reasons for not taking action under rule 25 read with rule 5(7) after four days instead of waitng for over a month; and

(c) whether the employees concerned have suspended after four days?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Rule 5 of IDPL Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1978 lists the type of misconduct for which an employee would be liable to disciplinary action. The list is illustrative and not conclusive. Unauthorised absence is one of such misconduct which will make an employee liable to disciplinary action. As reported by IDPL, disciplinary action, is taken after following the requisite procedure and not necessarily immediately after expiry of four days of absence. Suspension of an employee immediately after expiry of four days of unauthorised absence is not considered necessary.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1329, Transferred from 22nd July, 1992.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 1382, Transferred from the 22nd July, 1992.